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SUBJ: GOI AMBASSADOR TO BAHRAIN SPEAKS OUT ON SOUTH YEMEN
AND PERSIAN GULF SECURITY

REF: A. TEHRAN 6099, KUWAIT 3704

1. LOCAL PRESS JULY 4 CARRIES EXTENSIVE REPORT ON GOI AMBASSADOR FARBOD'S INTERVIEW WITH BAHRAIN WEEKLY "AL-MASIRAH" IN WHICH FARBOD SAID IRANIANS FELT "HATRED" FOR AL-GHASHIMI ASSASSINATION. AMBASSADOR IS REPORTED TO HAVE CONVEYED DEEP SORROW OF GOI AT THE MURDER AND SAID THAT GOI HAS ANNOUNCED A THREE-DAY OFFICIAL MOURNING PERIOD. WITH REGARD TO FUTURE RELATIONS, FARBOD SAID THAT DUE TO CONTINUATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE YAR, IRAN DID NOT HAVE AN EMBASSY IN ADEN AND GOI HAD RECEIVED ONLY UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMORS REGARDING ACTIVITIES THERE.

2. TURNING TO THE PERSIAN GULF, FARBOD SAID THE GOI WOULD WELCOME THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF SECURITY INFORMATION TO PROTECT THE REGION FROM FOREIGN INTERVENTION.

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3. COMMENT: POINT OF INTEREST HERE IS THAT GOI AMBASSADOR IS MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENT, PRESUMABLY PRECLEARED WITH MFA, ON THESE TWO SENSITIVE ISSUES. FARBOD REMARKS ON PERSIAN GULF SECURITY FOLLOW BY ONLY FEW DAYS PRIME MINISTER AMOUZEGAR'S INTERVIEW WITH KUWAITI PAPER (REFTELS) WHICH WAS PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GOI FRUSTRATION AT CONTINUING FAILURE TO SECURE AGREEMENT OF GULF STATES

FOR REGIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENT.

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